An Example of Most Pernicious Character Imaginable,

THEY DIVORCED THEMSELVES.

The Unusual Proceedings of An Out of Court Divorce Readily Ratified Owing to the Influences of a Multi Millionaire. The World's Criticism.

The method by which the Vanderbilt flivores was arranged is a sense at to our jurisprudence. Worse than that, it is an influence for the degradation of public morals and the breaking down of

the popular sense of right and wrong.
Practically Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt
divorced themselves. There was no hearing before a court. The parties did not appear before the tribunal. There was no public proof of infidelity on either side to serve as a punishment on either side to serve as a punishment to the guilty party or as a deterrent in-fluence in the case of others. The whole matter was arranged by dicker. The only function of the court was to give legal effect to the terms of the bargain.

Is it, then, the privilege of the rich to annul their marriages at pleasure by mutual agreement? The law, rigidly enforced against all ordinary citizens, pro-scribes that collusion between husband and wife shall be an effectual and per-emptory bar to diverce. Yet this rich man and woman have sent their law-yers into court with a collusive agree-ment already made; the court has sup-pressed the evidence agreed to be pre-sented by sending the case to a referce furted of boarts it. instead of hearing it in open session; the referee has made a report in accord-nuce with the terms of the dicker; the court has affirmed it, ordering the pa-pers sealed so that there may be no scandal—which means simply that the guilty party shall be spared all social shame and inconvenience — and the terms of the collusive agreement have been embodied in a decree which au-thorizes one party to marry again at pleasure and imposes upon the other a prohibition of marriage which is as in-effectual as a bull against a comet.

In saying this we do not mean to re-flect upon Justice Barrett. He is a judge

flectupon Justice Barrett. He is a judge whose eminent learning and conspicuous service are properly appreciated by the community. But in this matter he is the instrument of a vicious system which prevails, we believe, only in New York and which certainly does not obtain in most of the other states.

Unless we accept the unclean doctrine of free love, marriage and divorce are not in any sense private matters. The family relation lies at the very foundation of society. Divorce equally with marriage is a matter of public cencern and should be decreed only after a public hearing and public proof of statutory cause.

A case of this kind sets an example of the most pernicious character imagina-ble. It means to the frity that there is one law for the total and another for the rest of us. It means that if you the rest of us. It means that if you have money enough your marriage vows may count for nothing. It means that your misconduct will be carefully guarded against exposure by all the authority the courts possess. It means that white collusive divorce proceedings are peremptorily thrown out of court in the case of ordinary persons a multiple. case of ordinary persons a multimil lionaire and his wife may arrange such a proceeding in full assurance that it will be ratified by the courts, and that all the scandalous details will be securely hidden beneath the sacred seal of the tribunal.—New York World.

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The Princess of Wales Overwhelmed by Indigent Centenarians.

A kindly act of charity privately performed by the Princess of Wales with out a thought of advertisement is now causing her much inconvenience. weeks ago the attention of the princes weeks ago the attention of the princess was drawn to the sadly destitute condition of a Mrs. Thomas, a centenarian living at Burryport, and the ancient dame was made happy by a handsome dénation. This came to the knowledge of the local reporters, who naturally boomed royal benevolence. The result is that the princess is simply overwhelmed with a substantial princess. with applications for assistance on he half of aged men and women and to judge from her correspondence there must be thousands of centenarians in

this happy country. Public notice has been given that the princess can give no more, but the stream of letters continues to flow to Marlberough House and Sandringham, and Miss Knollys, the chief private see retary, has been driven to devise a litho graphed form of regretful refusal. Many of the applications are undoubtedly gennine. One from Linnelly, Wales, for instance, is accompanied by degamentary evidence that Mrs. Elizabeth Mortary evidence that Mrs. Elizabeth ris attained her one hundred and fourth birthday on last Tuesday, but there are a good many undeniable attempts to swindle the royal Doreas.—London Let-

Mustaches Prohibited.

This is the rule at the well known banking house of Messrs, Coutts & C 59 Strand. None of the bank clerk wears mustaches, and it has long been considered a point of business etiquett that all the gentlemen employed at the bank should wear frock coats during business hours. A clerkship at Mesers. Coutts' is considered one of the prizes in the banking profession. Some of the men are university graduates, many have been educated at one of the great

called to the English bar. Some years ago an attempt was made to have the unwritten law regarding mustaches re-seinded, but it was found that a greater number preferred the old custom to remain in force than were in favor of its

This curious custom is also said to prevail in some of the large teahouses in the city, while it is well known that some Church of England bishops prefer the curates under their charge to be clean shaven. A lady who tried about three years ago to enforce a shaved face on the groom in her employment, and dismissed him at once because he refused compliance with her order, found that the law gave her no such power and was muleted in £5 for wrongful dis-missal and the costs of the action by tho judge of the Bedford county court. -London Standard.

An After Election Correspondence.

"The shortest correspondence on rec York yesterday, "passed between Ames Cummings and me a few months ago. Shortly after the November election, when Ames was defeated for congress, when Amos was defeated for congress, he was appointed subway commissioner of New York at a salary of \$5,000 a year. When I heard of it, I sent Ames this letter:

"'Dear Amos'— Then I drew a pic-ture of a human hand and wrote in red letters, aways, the radio the read-

letters across the palm the word 'Shake!' 'Yours, Covert.'
"Two days later I received a reply. It read thus:
"'Dear Jim'— Underneath was a

human hand stretched in the opposite direction from that drawn in my letter and bearing on the palm the word 'Thanks.' In the corner of the page was an excellent delineation of a champagne glass half filled with wine, and under it the words 'With pleasure. Yours,

"But I always believed that Ames but I always believed that Amos reply was not genuine. You ask mo why? Because I never saw him with a half filled glass. It was either brimming over or empty."—Washington Times.

Lent. Strange to tell, the familiar term of Lent has nothing in its origin significant of fasting. It is derived from the Saxon term—lengthen, tide or spring—the time when each successive day steals a few minutes from its night. In English

literature we have repeated allusions to Jack o' Lent, a sort of puppet, generally personated as a lean and ragged scare-crow, which boys jeered and throw stones at, much as the Guy Fawkes of later days was treated .- Philadelphia Eczema Isn't

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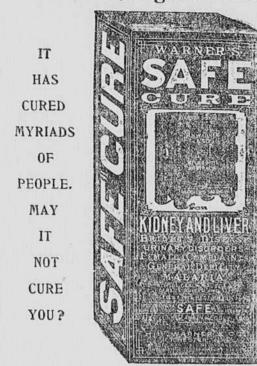
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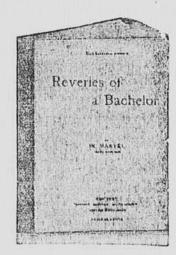
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